

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 10-25, 27-29, 31 and 32 are pending in the application, with claims 10, 17, 18 and 28 being the independent claims. Claims 18 and 28 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 18-25 and 27 for informalities. Applicant has amended claim 18 in order to address the informalities raised by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claims 18-25 and 27 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner has rejected claim 28 because claim 28 "recites a computer program product without a computer readable medium." *See* present Office Action, page 2. Applicant has amended claim 28 to recite "a computer program product comprising a computer

readable medium". Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 10-25, 27, 31, and 32 are allowable over the art made of record. Applicant further acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claim 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

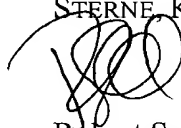
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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